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ARKANSAS AND MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS CONDUCTING PUBLIC MEETINGS

LITTLE ROCK (2-10) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) are conducting joint "Open House" public meetings to invite comments on five proposed enhanced highway corridors connecting Interstate 55 in Batesville, Mississippi, and Interstate 40 in either Brinkley or Forrest City, Arkansas.

Four identical meetings will be held. The meetings are scheduled for:

CLARKSDALE, MS

Monday, March. 5, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Greyhound Bus Station 300 Issaquena Street

HELENA/WEST HELENA, AR

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Phillips Co. Chamber of Commerce 111 Hickory Hill Drive

BATESVILLE, MS

Tuesday, March. 6, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. MDOT District II Office 150 Highway 51 North

FORREST CITY, AR

Thursday, March. 8, 2012 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Forrest City Civic Center 1334 N. Washington

The public is invited to visit one or more of these meetings anytime during the scheduled hours for reviewing exhibits and offering comments. Representatives from MDOT and AHTD will be available to answer questions and provide additional information.

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